

Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: 5/5/2022

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide Date: 5/4/2022 Time: 6:32PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 400 block of Westgate Ave. Zone: 3 Precinct: 19

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Victim: Name Wtihheld (Deceased)		Sex: Male	Race: Hisp	Age: 19
Victim: N.L.		Sex: Male	Race: Hisp	Age: 17
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Suspect:		Address:		
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Incident Summary:

On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:32PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to Westgate Park, at 455 S. Westgate Ave, on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found the decedent, a 19-year-old male, and a second victim, 17-year-old N.L., suffering from an apparent gunshot wounds. CFD Medic 12 pronounced the first victim deceased at 6:43PM. Meanwhile, Franklin Township Medic 192 transported N.L. to Doctor's West Hospital in stable condition.

A large group gathered to watch a fight between two males in Westgate Park. During the fight, at least two individuals brandished firearms and began firing. The decedent was fatally wounded, and the second victim, N.L., was grazed, by projectiles during the exchange. Following the shooting, many of the witnesses fled the scene prior to the arrival of the first responding officers.

The decedent's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 40th homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2022. Incident #220309725. Detective Shepherd is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Corbin.

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